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## SHIPS, FOOD AND MONEY THE NEED

AMERICA PREPARING TO RUSH PROVEDER AND CASH TO HER ALLIES.

### WILL WELCOME LOANS

Well Supplied With Munitions and Other War Necessities But Lack Funds.

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson and his Cabinet, at yesterday's meeting, reviewed the many phases of war activities, found that every step possible to equip the army and navy and turn out munitions is under way, and decided that the most pressing needs of the Nation now are to increase the supply of foodstuffs and ocean-going vessels, and to raise sufficient money to finance America's part in the war and make liberal loans to the Entente Allies.

For present activities, the Allies are understood to be well supplied with munitions, and to have as many men in the field as they can equip and feed under present conditions. Thru a coordination of the munitions industry in the United States and the raising of a large army, the United States will be in a position later to supply any need in either field.

Members of the Council of National Defense who also are members of the Cabinet, have been studying the best methods of aiding in the defeat of Germany, and they took to the President word that the most pressing need of Europe is for food and money. Therefore, the American Government will seek to supply those with whom it is making common cause.

President Wilson personally appealed to farmers to-day thru the National Agricultural Society to make it their patriotic duty to increase the food supply of the Nation, and Secretary Lane brought forward a plan for greatly increasing the acreage under cultivation on public lands.

#### Introduce Bills Today.

Secretary McAdoo left the Cabinet meeting early to appear before members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House regarding plans for issuing bonds totaling \$5,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates, \$2,000,000,000 of the bonds to be loaned to the Entente Allies.

The Government already is in possession of information that several of the Allied Nations will be glad to accept loans from the United States. Russia and France probably will be among the first nations supplied.

To quickly meet the demand for ships, examination was begun of the condition of the German merchant vessels in American ports, which the Government plans to use. It appeared probable that Maj. Gen. George Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, would be placed in charge of the construction of the great fleet of 1,000 wooden ocean-going vessels for the Shipping Board.

In its consideration of ways of raising a large army and at the same time keeping necessary industries going at full speed, the Administration has decided to consider separately the production of luxuries and the necessities of life. It is taken for granted that people will be willing to give up luxuries.

In making exemptions from military service, if Congress authorizes the draft, the Government will take the position that if young men work in industries producing luxuries, their labor is not necessary, and they will not be exempted. Just what will be classed as luxuries has not yet been determined.

Secretary Baker, Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff, and Gen. Crowder, Judge Advocate General, appeared before the House Military Committee to urge its adoption of the war army bill and will appear again tomorrow.

In spite of the break in diplomatic relations with Austria, the Government made no move today toward asking Congress to declare that a state of war exists with that country, and it was indicated that no belliger-

ent steps will be taken unless Austria moves first.

#### Big Crop In Alaska.

Washington, April 10.—Production of big crops of potatoes and other vegetables in Alaska were reported by Secretary Lane to-day. One farmer is credited with having grown seventeen tons of potatoes to the acre, a high record. Another is reported to have produced between 575 and 750 bushels to the acre, with a yield of other vegetables crops in like proportion. Similar encouraging reports come from various parts of Alaska. The farmers are being assisted by the Government agricultural experiment stations.

#### SIMPSON COUNTY WILL ISSUE \$160,000 IN BONDS

Franklin, Ky., April 9.—A petition signed by several hundred voters of Simpson county will be presented to the judge of the county court asking that an election be held June 23 on the issuance of \$160,000 in bonds to reconstruct and build new public roads. The question was overwhelmingly defeated three years ago, but it is now claimed that it will carry easily.

### HARTFORD COUNCIL VOTES FOR LIGHTS

CONTRACT MADE WITH LOCAL COMPANY AND MODERN FIXTURES ARE ORDERED.

At a meeting of the Hartford City Council Monday the body, by a vote of four to two, decided that the city treasury would again permit the lighting of the streets and a contract was made with the Kentucky Light & Power Company at a price of \$60 per month. The contract calls for the moon light schedule which means that the lights will be turned off when nature is furnishing the rays. This plan has been adopted in most all small towns and does not mean that the lights will be off during the entire full moon season. If the night is cloudy the lights will burn.

Under the new system when one light burns out or is broken the others will not be affected. 100-candle power Mazda lights will be used in the main part of town, while 60 power bulbs will make light in the outskirts.

The lights will be on when the new fixtures arrive and are installed. It will be the first time in several years that the streets of Hartford have been lighted.

#### Want Contract Annulled.

Hand bills were circulated Tuesday asking the citizens to meet at the court house Tuesday night for the purpose of deciding whether or not they were in favor of having the lights. The bills were signed by W. H. Barnes, et al. About twenty-five answered the call and a motion was made by Harold T. Holbrook and seconded by Dr. E. W. Ford that a committee be appointed to circulate a petition asking the Council to reconsider. While the motion was being discussed another good citizen reported carrying his faithful oil lantern. (He lives two blocks from the court but voted for the motion.) The motion carried and Mr. Barnes, who had been elected chairman, took the matter of the selection of the committee under advisement.

When seen yesterday Manager Barrass, of the Kentucky Light & Power Company stated that \$400 worth of fixtures had been ordered and that the contract would be adhered to by the company.

#### EYES TESTED AND GLASSES FITTED!

I will be at the New Commercial Hotel in Hartford, Ky., Tuesday April 17, with a full line of Spectacles and Nose Glasses.

Any one needing Glasses, call and see me and have your eyes tested and Glasses Fitted Correctly.

Prices Reasonable.

DR. H. H. CECIL.

## OLIVER MEASURE BECOMES A LAW

GOV. STANLEY FIXES SIGNATURE TO BILL AFTER ITS PASSAGE AT EXTRA SESSION.

### EXECUTIVE IS BUSY MAN

Says He Has No Time To Think Of Appointments To The New Tax Commission.

Frankfort, Ky., April 11.—The first of Kentucky's new tax laws became effective at 1 o'clock this afternoon when Gov. Stanley signed the Oliver Tax Commission bill. He affixed his signature to the act in his private office with a gold pen, handed him by his secretary, Miss Minnie Mahler. After signing the document Gov. Stanley handed the pen to Representative Jack Oliver, who introduced the bill, saying as he did so, "That's the best law I've signed in many a day."

The bill, providing for a tax commission, carries an emergency clause and became a law as soon as the Governor signed it. It also bears the signatures of Speaker H. C. Duffy and Lieut. Gov. James D. Black. Mr. Oliver said he intended framing the pen with which the bill was signed. The Oliver bill provides the foundation for a new and modern tax system in Kentucky.

When asked as to probable appointments to the commission, Gov. Stanley said he had been so busy he has had no time to give that part of the tax programme any serious thought. Two applicants are known to have applied for appointment. They are W. H. Newman, and George R. Long, formerly in the Internal Revenue Service, both of whom are Louisville men. The Governor said he was considering several applicants for berths on the tax commission.

### SONS MAY FIGHT ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF LINE

Chicago, Ill., April 8.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, grand opera singer, expressed fear yesterday that it may become necessary for her sons to fight against one another in the war between the United States and Germany. Of her four sons, one is in the United States navy, another in the German navy, a third in the National Guard of New Jersey, and the youngest is a student at the Culver Military Academy and liable to be called to the colors at any time.

Mme. Schumann-Heink was born in Austria, reared in Germany, and is a citizen of the United States.

### HEN TAKES REST AFTER LAYING NINETY-FOURTH EGG

Lexington, Ky., April 10.—Lady Walnut Hill phenomenal egg-laying pullet of Louisville, today ended her remarkable cycle. The ninety-fourth consecutive egg was laid yesterday morning.

The pullet ended the Federal egg-laying contest here as pullet No. 347, world champion for continuous laying. The previous record was eighty-two eggs, made in a Missouri egg-laying contest. Prof. James Dryden, Oregon poultry expert has written a congratulatory letter.

Lady Walnut Hill is the property of Dr. R. Lindsay Ireland, of Louisville. She will probably rest a few days before starting again, when she will go after the year's laying record of 314 eggs. Only 172 more eggs are needed to tie this record. The pullet can rest twenty-eight days in the next six months and still tie this mark.

#### Farm Worth \$2,000,000.

New York, April 10.—A transfer tax report shows that the late James B. Haggan, of this city who acquired a fortune in mining enterprises and owned valuable racing stables, left to his family, and relatives an estate of \$20,614,761, having a net value of \$18,941,455. Mr. Haggan's Elmendorf stock farm in Kentucky is rated as worth more than \$2,000,000 and the livestock on the farm is valued at \$475,000.

Ohio reports serious farm labor shortage.

## AMERICAN FLAG FLIES AT FRONT

LAFAYETTE FLYING SQUADRON WILL CHANGE FROM FRENCH TO U. S. UNIFORMS.

### A DISTINGUISHED BODY

Americans Fighting In France Have Won Wide Recognition By Their Skill And Daring.

Paris, April 11.—It was decided to-day that the Lafayette flying squadron, composed of Americans, who have distinguished themselves at the front, will change from the French to the American military uniform and hereafter carry the American flag at the French front.

When the American aviators appear in the Uniform of the United States army this country will have its first representation of the war as belligerents. Heretofore, the American unit has constituted an integral part of the French army, and at the request of the American Government the French War Department sometime ago discontinued use of the name American flying corps, to avoid embarrassment to Washington. After the adoption by Congress of the war resolution the Americans hoisted the Stars and Stripes over their headquarters, but their official status was not changed. They are under command of Capt. George Thenault, of the French army.

In a semi-official communication issued in Paris last week it was said the Americans had destroyed thirty German airplanes during their service on the front in France. They have taken part in the heaviest air fighting at Verdun and on the Somme and have won wide recognition of their skill and daring. Sergt. Raoul Lufbery has brought down six German machines. Sub-Lieut. Bert Hall three, and a number of other Americans one each. Lieut. William Thaw, ranking officer among the Americans, bested a Fokker at Verdun and was wounded in the arm, but is again in service. Sergt. Kiffin Rockwell and Sergt. Norman Price were killed in action after each had sent two German machines to destruction.

Corp. Victor Chapman brought down three German and was killed at Verdun by Capt. Boelke, the famous German airman. Sergt. James McConnell, who was decorated with the French War Cross, was killed last month in a battle over the German lines.

The success of the Americans has led the French authorities to give them many difficult and dangerous assignments, and they are often to be found far behind the German lines. It was the Lafayette corps which escorted the squadron that bombarded the Mauser Rifle Works at Obendorf, leading to several aerial battles and the destruction of three German machines. The American Squadron is well-known to the Germans, who have learned to avoid contact with it over the French lines.

### HEN, 25 YEARS OLD, LAYS AN EGG A DAY

Franklin, Ky., April 10.—Elwood Harris, of Franklin, is the owner of what is possibly the oldest hen in Kentucky, if not in the world. The hen was hatched with a brood twenty-five years ago and began laying early as a pullet. Throughout a quarter of a century she has laid an egg daily in the season when not engaged in sitting, or rearing a brood. Except for stiffness incident to age she shows no evidence of decline and lays an egg a day.

### KENTUCKY SOLDIERS TO MOBILIZE AT LEXINGTON

Lexington, Ky., April 9.—Lexington has been officially designated by the War Department as the mobilization point for all the national guardsmen of Kentucky and probably for those of other States. Notice of the department's decision was contained in a telegram received here to-day.

The only question raised is as to which of two sites shall be selected. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, has approved one of the sites. On May 1

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the State goes into the Central Department and Gen. Thomas H. Barry commanding the Central Department prefers the other site.

Both farms are under option and whichever is finally selected will be purchased, it is said. The Government requires that the camp have rail transportation facilities, city water and electric light.

Both of the contemplated sites are on the Kentucky Traction & Terminal Company, one on the Frankfort pike, the other on the Paris pike. Both have city water convenient and one has electric service at hand. The other can be supplied with electric lights without much trouble.

Kentucky's quota for the new army has been fixed at twenty regiments. Even should this city not become a division mobilization point, as expected, it is likely that some 20,000 men will be assembled and trained here.

### STATE MAN TO MEET WITH OHIO COUNTY FARMERS

Mr. Otis Kercher, State Agent for the Boys' Agricultural Club, will be with us in the meeting at Chapman's School House, Thursday, April 19th, and it is hoped as many as can will come and be with us in that meeting. W. W. BROWDER, Co. Agt.

### SCORES KILLED IN PLANT EXPLOSION

MUNITIONS PLANT BADLY DAMAGED AND SHELLS SCATTERED FOR BLOCKS.

Chester, Pa., April 10.—An explosion in the plant of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation at Eddystone, Pa., near here, is reported to have killed fifty to seventy-five persons. Several hundred are said to have been injured. A portion of the plant is burning, and fire companies went to the scene from Philadelphia and other cities.

Physicians and ambulances hurried from Philadelphia and police were also sent to help guard the plant.

At noon it was said that from 50 to 150 persons had been killed and about 200 injured.

The fire, which was confined to the shrapnel loading building, in which it originated, had been subdued. In this building about 400 men, women, boys and girls were employed as loaders.

A hospital at Ridley Park, a town near Eddystone, reports that four charred bodies and twelve injured persons have been received there. Three of the injured will die.

According to a report, fifty bodies are in the Chester morgue and forty injured persons are in the Chester hospital.

The Eddystone Ammunition Company originally was organized by Baldwin Locomotive Company, but afterward was turned over to Russia interests, and is understood to be operated by Russians at the present time. The company, it was said, was making 3-inch and 15-pound shells.

The first explosion originated in the structure known as the 19-F building. Immediately there was another explosion in the old F building. These two structures were destroyed. About 400, mostly women and girls, worked in these buildings.

At 1 p. m. firemen, policemen and others were still dragging bodies from the wreckage. Shells were found scattered about the scene for a space of two blocks.

#### Result of Plot.

Chester, Pa., April 11.—"The explosion was the result of a diabolical plot conceived in the degenerate mind of a demon in human guise," declared a high official of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation to-day. He said that for obvious reasons he could not permit the use of his name.

This official said that investigation concluded this afternoon had shown that a bomb manufactured from a shell in the plant by one of the employees had caused yesterday's explosion and the loss of at least 110 lives.

BRITISH AND FRENCH LEADERS WILL COME HERE TO CONSIDER PLANS.

### NOTABLES COMING OVER

Balfour And Viviani Among Statesmen Who Will Discuss Methods Of Conflict.

Washington, April 11.—Assembly in Washington within a few weeks of a great international War Council was foreshadowed by an announcement from the State Department to-day that a British commission, headed by Arthur J. Balfour, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is expected to arrive within ten days to discuss with the Government here questions connected with the conduct of the war. In addition to the Foreign Minister, the commission will include Admiral de Chair, of the British navy; Gen. Bridges, of the army, and the governor of the Bank of England, attended by a numerous staff.

This was as far as the announcement made by the State Department goes, but it was learned authoritatively that a French commission, composed of officials and officers equally as distinguished as the British representatives, also will be in Washington about the same time. This commission will be headed by M. Viviani, at present Minister of Justice in the French Cabinet, and formerly Premier.

It is not known definitely whether any of the other allied Powers will send commissioners to Washington, but it is assumed that owing to the difficulties in passage and the probable delay, the interests of these governments will be confided to their resident Ambassadors.

#### To Discuss Policy.

Beyond the statement that the object of the commission is to discuss generally questions of policy connected with the war, no information was given at the State Department. It was made clear, however, that in no way will the United States Government depart from the traditional policy of avoiding anything in the nature of political alliances, tho, of course, that does not exclude full and intimate military and naval co-operation in the prosecution of the war.

While it is by no means certain that there will be joint meeting of the visiting commissions if the State Department should desire to avoid the appearance of an alliance, there is certain to be concert of action in some way.

The conference is stated to have been sought by the allied leaders, themselves in order to discuss every phase of the war. No attempt will be made to go into details or technical considerations, as the general policies involved are too stupendous to permit of it. The calibre of the men sent, particularly Foreign Secretary Balfour, who is remembered here most warmly for his earnest endorsement of President Wilson's plan for world federation to insure peace, and Minister of Justice Viviani, one of the first half dozen statesmen of France, is very gratifying to officials. Both men, it is recalled, have held the post of Premier in their respective governments.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT

Ollie Gray, Hartford, R. 3, to Iva Lillian Hoagland, Hartford, R. 3. Gilbert Westerfield, Connersville, Ind., to Georgia Ralph, Hartford, R. 3.

Ava Wootley, Caneyville, to Beulah Smith, Horton. Ivan Edge, Hartford, R. 6, to Pradie Cambren, Hartford, R. 6. H. I. Woods, Beaver Dam, to Ollie Shields, Cromwell.

Chester Royal, Hartford, R. 2, to Ethel Sue Batze, Beaver Dam, R. 2.

#### Mean Brute.

"Love is a dream," gushed Mr. Ohlgren.

"And marriage is an alarm clock," commented Mr. Ohlgren.